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The Assembly Business & Professions Committee
Assembly Member Mary Hayashi, Chair
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill: AB 991
Position: OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Hayashi:

At its March 25, 2011 meeting, the California Board of Accountancy (CBA) voted to take an oppose position on Assembly Bill 991.

AB 991 would create the California Licensing and Permit Center Web site and help center as a central location for consumers to go to have their questions answered about the licensing processes of various state agencies. It would be paid for in a proportionate share by the state agencies whose information would be included.

The CBA already hosts its licensing information on its Web site, and it is already duplicated on the Department of Consumer Affairs Website. To have it all available in a third location would only serve to confuse the very consumers this bill purports to serve. In addition, the CBA has made great strides to inform consumers of its purpose and that assistance can be found on its Web site. For the CBA to be required to pay to drive that same traffic to a different location does not make sense.

For these reasons, the CBA must oppose AB 991.

Sincerely,

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c: Assembly Member Kristen Olsen
Members, California Board of Accountancy
Patti Bowers, Executive Officer